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A NEW ANTARCTIC FORM OF *LARUS DOMINICANUS*
LICHTENSTEIN.

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The Southern Black-backed, or Dominican Gull, from the South Shetland Islands appears to differ subspecifically from the typical form of South America and may be known as:

Larus dominicanus austrinus, subsp. nov.

Like *Larus dominicanus dominicanus*, but mantle lighter and grayer, light mouse gray¹ not deep mouse gray as in the typical form. Type no. 28492, coll. J. H. F.; ♂ ad., Deception Island, South Shetland Islands; collected March 13, 1922, by A. G. Bennett, original number 755.

A careful review of the geographical forms of *Larus dominicanus* is needed; Lichtenstein (Verz. Doubl., p. 82, 1823) gives "coast of Brazil" as the type locality for *Larus dominicanus*, but the birds from both coasts of South America should be compared, since, though probably the same, the Falkland Island bird is nearer *austrinus*. In South African seas a form with very dark mantle occurs and is probably separable as *littoreus* of Forster (Descr. Anim. p. 46, 1844); while the New Zealand form has been generally recognized as *antipodus* of Gray (List Birds Brit. Mus., Anseres, p. 169, 1844).

¹Ridgway, Color Standards, 1912.